

In response to an Office Action dated March 20, 2007 in the above-identified application, imposing a requirement for restriction on the applicants in the above-identified application, Applicant hereby selects with traverse Group IV: Claims 26 and 27, drawn to a method of evaluating a substance as an antiviral therapy by exposing the substance to a delta9 fatty acid desaturase enzyme and evaluating the effect of said substance on the stability or activity of the enzyme, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

A petition for a 5 month extension of time accompanies this response so that the response is timely filed. No other extension of time is believed due, but should any additional extension be due, in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension and a request to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No additional fees are believed due; however, if any fees are due, in this or any subsequent response, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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